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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) MESQUITE POWER LLC, OR THEIR) ASSIGNEE(S), IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE) ARIZONA REVISED) REQUIREMENTS OF SEQ., FOR A) **STATUTES** 40-360 ET**ENVIRONMENTAL**) CERTIFICATE OF COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING) CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GAS-FIRED,) COMBINED CYCLE GENERATING FACILITY) LOCATED SOUTH OF ELLIOT ROAD.) APPROXIMATELY 37 MILES WEST OF THE) PHOENIX METROPOLITAN AREA, NEAR) ARLINGTON IN MARICOPA COUNTY.) **ARIZONA**

DOCKET NO. 1-00000S-00-0101 (CASE NO. 101)

MOTION TO DISMISS UNTIMELY REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to R14-3-106 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Mesquite Power, L.L.C. ("Mesquite") hereby files this Motion to Dismiss the Request for Review of Siting Committee Decision filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest ("Center") on October 30, 2000. In support of its Motion to Dismiss, Mesquite submits the following.

Statement of Facts

Center filed a Notice of Appearance in the above-captioned proceeding when it was before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Siting Committee"), and thus is a "party" within the context of the statutory scheme set forth at A.R.S. 40-360 et seq. and the above-captioned proceeding.

On October 10, 2000 the Siting Committee rendered its written decision in the above-captioned proceeding, granting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to Mesquite. On October 30, 2000, twenty (20) days later, Center filed its Request for Review of the Siting Committee's Decision and Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.

Statement of Applicable Law

A.R.S. 40-360.07(A) provides that

"... within fifteen days after the [Siting] committee has rendered its written decision any party to a certification proceeding may request a review of the committee's decision by the commission." [emphasis added]

The aforesaid prescribed time period is jurisdictional in nature. That is, the Commission has jurisdiction and authority to consider and rule <u>only</u> upon requests for review that are filed with it within the fifteen (15) day period specified in the statute. It does not have jurisdiction and authority to consider and rule upon a request for review which is filed at a later date. Nor, does it possess the authority or discretion to extend the statutorily -prescribed deadline for filing such requests.

Conclusion

The Center's October 30, 2000 Request for Review of Siting Committee Decision was not timely filed. The Commission does not have jurisdiction and authority to consider the matter and the action therein requested by the Center.

WHEREFORE, Mesquite hereby requests that the Commission enter an order dismissing the Request for Review of Siting Committee Decision filed by the Center on October 30, 2000 for the reasons discussed above.

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